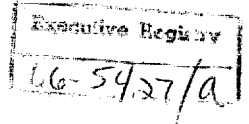




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Mr. V. L. Parsegian
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Dear Mr. Parsegian:

Thank you for your letter and the accompanying document. Your views on democracy and spiritual freedom are laudable, and along with you I cherish your right to express them.

You are correct in recognizing that this Agency does not condone the activities of any organization which are inimical to the interests of the United States.

We appreciate it when interested citizens, such as yourself, bring to our attention some of the false but recurring allegations that we are somehow involved in support of groups whose aims and actions are against America's interests. I would like to assure you that the suggestion that the CIA is backing one such organization as described in your document is without foundation.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Helms
Director

cc: DDCI

Signature Recommended:

Deputy Director for Plans

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